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A Controls of personal documents by patrols of SNE and StB .

Irregular checks of personal documents have been performed by patrols of SNE and StB in PRAHA. [REDACTED] An SNE patrols of several men closes a street and individuals have to show their documents to plain-clothes StB men. Controllers mostly examine the first and last page of the ID Card (Obcansky Prukaz) and do not control the rest of the document.

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Regular controls have taken place in RR stations in PRAHA. Arriving travelers are summoned by the railroad man on duty to have their documents ready when they come to the barrier.

It happens daily at the Masaryk RR station that the entire area of the station is controlled in an "attack" check. Plain-clothes StB men inconspicuously occupy all gates and throughways in the station and bar them at the sign of a whistle. One by one travelers are then left out of the station after the control of documents.

B Inspection of baggage in check-rooms at RR stations.

Twice or thrice daily a plain-clothes StB man visits the check-room and orders all baggage open for the purpose of inspection. If a suit-case cannot be opened the StB man affixes a ticket on it which reads that an SNE man must be called to inspect the content when the suit-case is checked out.

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